

Glenview, IL - In his effort to accelerate assistance from his 10th Congressional District, Congressman Mark Kirk (R-Highland Park) organized area leaders Tuesday to determine what more can be done to assist communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Kirk's effort was hosted by the Northeastern Illinois Public Training Safety Academy (NIPSTA), which sent over 50 north suburban fire fighters to arrive in New Orleans Tuesday night.

Employers in the Tenth District donated over \$7 million so far while schools and faith-based organizations are making major contributions through fundraisers, book & food drives to assist hurricane victims.

"America's generous heart is beating strongly here in the Tenth District of Illinois," said Congressman Kirk. "Hurricane Katrina brought great suffering to many families – we share their grief and will help them rebuild. I am honored to be joined by northern Illinois community leaders who answered the call to action. Their efforts to provide food, water, shelter, medical care, rescue and communication gear are already saving lives on Gulf Coast – and we're just getting started."

"Saving the lives of our fellow Americans and rebuilding a major port is a national mission. We are joined by a 'get it done' spirit represented by high school students, first responders, business, community and religious leaders."

Congressman Kirk was joined by Kerry Cummings, Glenview Village President, Arlene Mulder, Mayor of Arlington Heights, Tolbert Chisum, Village President of Kenilworth, to announce they would join his initiative and begin collecting food, water and non-perishable items in their communities. Arlene Mulder will also lead a special 10th Congressional District Task Force – "Mayors for Relief" -- convened by Congressman Kirk to encourage each north suburban community to send a truck full of needed supplies to Houston and other centers caring for displaced Americans.

The congressman received a briefing from numerous community leaders including, Dan Bonkowski, Glenview Fire Chief, Ant Simonian, Lake County United Way, Pastor Walstone Francis, Shiloh Baptist Church, Pastor Bob Warren, Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, Dr. Wadell Brooks, Youthbuild, Al Rigoni, President of NIPSTA's Board, Bob Leahy, Executive Director, NIPSTA and high school students representing Stevenson, Libertyville, and Glenbrook

South who all pledged to continue their relief efforts.

On display at Kirk's briefing was a medivac helicopter owned by Medline, a medical supply company located in Mundelein. Their helicopter and crew rescued 1,700 victims in New Orleans. The helicopter returned to Illinois this past weekend.

Numerous Tenth District companies donated over seven million dollars to the Gulf Coast including \$2 million in monetary donations and \$2 million in supplies from Abbott Laboratories, \$1 million in monetary donations and a 4 to 1 match in employee donations from Grainger and \$1 million in monetary donations and a 2 to 1 match in employee donations from Baxter. (See appendix for complete list of Tenth District contributions).

Business leaders joining Kirk were Jim Shanks, President of CDW-G, Virgil Pund, Vice-President and General Manager Chicago Market, SBC Communications, Sonya Jackson, Director of Corporate Social Investment, United Airlines, Bill Abington, President of Operations, Medline, Alice Campbell, Director of Community Relations, Baxter, Ronald Labrum, President and CEO, Integrated Provider Solutions and Cardinal Health, International; Susie Kessler, Public Affairs Manager, Grainger; Rosemary Keefe, Global Leader of Social Responsibility, Hewitt, Greg Brown, Government & Enterprise Mobility Solutions Business Unit, Motorola, Tim Touhy; International Truck and Engine Company, John Gremer, Walgreens, Donna Funk, Vice-President of Community and Philanthropic Services, HSBC, Peter Debreceeny, Corporate Relations, Allstate and Dan Guggenheim, American Hotel Register.

High schools in the Tenth District are also stepping up – including Stevenson High School that collected \$1,700 just on Friday. Libertyville High School is collecting water, toiletries and non-perishable food items. Glenbrook South High School's sophomore class raised \$2,700 through a bake sale and car wash Saturday.

Kirk's briefing comes as early reports indicate that thousands of people may have died and hundreds of thousands were left homeless across the Gulf Region. The victims will not be able to return to their homes for months, some may never be able to return. Many of the evacuees will need support from leaders like the ones Kirk recognized for many months to come.

With the help of Dan Venturi of Lake Villa Township and International Trucking Company, Kirk

organized two 54-foot semi-tractor trailer trucks to deliver food, water and non-perishable items to the Houston Food Bank on Friday. The Houston Food Bank took the lead in delivering items to evacuees in the Astrodome.

Kirk's office will be collecting plastic bottled water, canned goods, personal hygiene items, diapers and tissues through Friday, September 9th. The Houston Food Bank reported that they do not need any additional clothes – only the items mentioned above. The office is located at 102 Wilmot Road, Suite 200, Deerfield, Illinois and the phone number is (847) 940-0202.

22 TENTH DISTRICT EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Total raised: \$7.3 million thus far, millions of dollars of supplies donated in-kind)

1. Abbott Laboratories: \$2 million in monetary donations,
\$2 million in supplies

Abbott pledged \$2 million in cash donations and an initial \$2 million in nutritional and medical products to help victims of this disaster.

The nutritional products, which are already being distributed to those in need, were rapidly shipped to affected areas in response to initial requests from aid organizations yesterday soon after the disaster struck. Working with disaster relief organizations including the American Red Cross, AmeriCares, America's Second Harvest and MAP International, Abbott's initial contributions include cases of pediatric and adult nutritional products such as Similac® infant formula, PediaSure® and Pedialyte® nutritional drinks and Ensure® and ZonePerfect® bars.

2. Grainger: \$1 million and matching employee donations 4 to 1

Grainger pledged more than \$1 million in cash and emergency supplies such as tarps, gloves, flashlights and batteries to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to help communities and

businesses recover following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. The company also is encouraging its employees to contribute to the recovery efforts by providing a four-to-one match of employee gifts to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Grainger employees throughout the United States are pulling together to support the affected area in numerous ways. From teams working to get emergency supplies where they are needed most to teams traveling to the affected area to serve customers out of the local branches, Grainger employees are there to support customers in their time of need. Other employees in Denver and Chicago are participating in the American Red Cross' Ready When the Time Comes volunteer program to help answer calls from people in the affected communities and guide them to assistance.

3. Baxter: \$1 million, matching employee contributions, and supplies

Baxter Healthcare Corporation, through its charitable foundation, is donating \$1 million toward relief efforts. The Baxter International Foundation also will be matching qualifying contributions by Baxter employees on a 2 to 1 basis to aid victims of the disaster.

Baxter is assessing the needs of its customers, relief agencies and health authorities in the affected region and working to get them necessary supplies. The company has been in contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Homeland Security, state departments of health, AmeriCares, and the American Red Cross to determine additional need for Baxter products.

Baxter also has been working directly with the Mississippi Department of Health to coordinate the delivery to hurricane victims of Baxter products donated by the company's manufacturing plant in Cleveland, Mississippi, and other Baxter facilities throughout the country. Baxter's Cleveland plant, which employs approximately 800 people, was unaffected by the hurricane. Baxter employees in Cleveland and elsewhere also have donated food, clothing and other supplies to the relief effort, to be distributed to shelters throughout the Cleveland area.

In addition, as the largest provider of home dialysis products and services to people with end-stage kidney disease, Baxter is working to establish contact with approximately 300 in-home peritoneal dialysis (PD) patients in affected areas. Due to its extensive infrastructure of PD products and services, Baxter has been able to ensure uninterrupted therapy for many home patients displaced by the hurricane by setting up emergency shipments of supplies to alternate delivery locations for such patients.

4. Allstate: \$1 million

The Allstate Foundation is establishing a \$1 million “Hurricane Recovery Fund” to aid the thousands of Hurricane Katrina victims. Foundation funds will be administered by organizations in the affected areas.

5. Medline: \$100,000 and supplies

Medline formed a “Disaster Relief Committee” that is working on relief operations and meeting our customers’ needs during this time of crisis.

Medline already donated \$100,000 to the Red Cross. In addition, the Medline Foundation has set up a \$100,000 relief fund for effected employees. Medline has numerous employees that have suffered great loss and is in the process of setting up a shelter for affected employees in Louisiana.

Other initial relief efforts made include:

„X Sending numerous refrigerated trailers to hospitals that need to store food and various temperature sensitive medical supplies.

„X Sending numerous dedicated custom critical truckloads from our Atlanta, Memphis and Dallas facilities to various hospitals and nursing homes in Louisiana and Mississippi.

„X Arranged a Rescue Helicopter which has been flown to New Orleans for rescue operations.

„X Deployed a 1,750 KW generator to our Covington facility to be used as needed for emergency operations. This is in addition to our on-site generator which will run our medical distribution center.

6. UPS: \$500,000 in monetary donations and \$750,000 in supplies

The UPS Foundation is donating \$1.25 million (\$500,000 in monetary contributions and \$750,000 of in-kind medical and health-related products as well as taking extra steps to assist the 2,200 employees in the affected areas. Donations will be divided between the American

Red Cross, America's Second Harvest and other relief organizations. UPS is also extending medical benefits to those employees who may not be working for the next 30 days.

7. Cardinal Health: \$250,000 and supplies

Cardinal Health is donating \$250,000 from their foundation and matching contributions from their employees contributions dollar for dollar. They have 4,261 employees in Illinois. They are also donating surgical supplies to health care providers.

As the storm developed in the Gulf, Cardinal Health delivered pre-established hurricane-preparedness orders to hospitals in Southern Florida and the Gulf States, including Louisiana and Mississippi. In accordance with our disaster-response procedures, company representatives proactively called hospitals we did not hear from directly.

Cardinal's closest medical-supply and laboratory distribution center is in Hammond, Louisiana, near Baton Rouge. Most employees there (about 100) followed official directives and evacuated the region with their families. The closest pharmaceutical distribution center is in Jackson, Mississippi. Employees there evacuated as well. Both facilities sustained only minor damage and no leaks. Power was restored last night to our Hammond facility, though it is still without telephone or data service. The Jackson facility is operating under generator power. Cell phone service is spotty across the region. Cardinal Health has several other, smaller operations in the affected region as well.

Cardinal has accounted for all employees in the pharmaceutical distribution center, and the center is operating on generator power and a skeleton crew.

Cardinal has been able to make deliveries to hospitals that can receive orders, thanks in part to police and National Guard escorts. They are supporting 12-18 hospitals that are treating hurricane victims. Hospitals are also asking for help in locating drinking water, fans and generators. Cardinal is trying to assist where they can.

Teams have been dispatched to Hammond to try to restore communications and data lines, and

to install a larger and more powerful back-up generator. They are also installing satellite phone equipment there.

8. Motorola: \$250,000, matching employee donations and supplies

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation to the U.S. Gulf Coast, Motorola is taking action to support the massive relief effort. We are working with our customers to return communication service to the region, and we are providing additional mission-critical communication equipment to first responders working in the hurricane's wake.

Our Government & Enterprise Mobility Solutions (GEMS) business has shipped more than 2,500 pieces of emergency communication equipment (portable radios, fully charged batteries, chargers) to impacted areas.

GEMS sent three emergency communication trailers: A trailer delivered to the Louisiana State Police is being deployed as an additional 700 MHz emergency communication radio system that delivers seven additional channels and 300 additional radios. A second trailer was delivered to Baton Rouge and will provide first responders with an additional 900 MHz emergency network. A third trailer will be used by the Louisiana National Guard.

Our Networks business provided more than a thousand of our rugged i325 IS IDEN handsets and accessories to help in the relief efforts.

The Motorola Foundation is immediately donating \$250,000 to the American Red Cross' Disaster Relief Fund. Motorola is a major partner with the American Red Cross, which launched a huge effort to provide meals, shelter and basic human necessities to those impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

Motorola Foundation is decided to match employee contributions to the American Red Cross -- dollar for dollar, up to another \$250,000. This matching program will continue through 30 September.

9. United: \$250,000, customer donation incentives and ticket relief

United's relief flight plans include transporting approximately 25,000 lbs of food and water from Second Harvest. American Red Cross is sending 300 personal care kits (toothpaste, soap, etc.). Also, one hundred Chicago paramedics who were cleared by Governor Kathleen Blanco to come into the region to assist will be on the MSY Relief flight. Governor Blanco sent a personal thanks to United for transporting the group.

United Airlines also revised its ticket policies for the New Orleans area. Customers with scheduled travel to and from New Orleans between Aug. 25 and Sep. 30, 2005, are eligible for a refund or can reroute to an alternate city for no extra charge and now include all customers also ticketed on or before Aug. 25, 2005, for travel between Aug. 25 - Sep. 30, 2005, to or from New Orleans on any United®, United Express®, TedSM or United codeshare flight. Passengers can take these changes through a travel agency or by calling United's reservations line at 1-800-UNITED-1 on or before Sep. 30, 2005. For customers currently en route who would like to return to their point of origin or reroute to an alternate destination, all rules regarding booking code restrictions, standard change fees, day or time applications, and/or minimum stay or Saturday night-stay requirements have been waived.

Customers with unused tickets for travel within this time period may request a refund for the original itinerary, or reschedule their travel for a later date or to an alternate city with all of the previously mentioned rules waived. These temporary policies also apply to any Mileage Plus® tickets that meet these same date and itinerary guidelines.

United Airlines announced initiatives to assist with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort in the New Orleans and Gulf Coast regions, including a United Mileage Plus® offer thanking Mileage Plus members who contribute \$50 U.S. or more to any of United's non-profit hurricane relief partners with a one-time mileage bonus of 500 redeemable miles.*

Mileage Plus will commit up to 1 million miles to support this offer for contributions made before Oct. 31, 2005. To receive the mileage award, participating members should fax a copy of their donation receipt and Mileage Plus number to United toll-free at 866-583-5943.

United is working with several major nonprofit organizations in the hurricane relief effort to help

fulfill supply and shipping needs as determined in the region by these groups and the affected governments. Specific partners include the American Red Cross, AmeriCares and Operation USA. United is also encouraging Mileage Plus® members to donate miles to these organizations as part of its Charity Miles program. Many relief organizations send personnel and volunteers to assist in the affected region in the event of a disaster, and the donation of miles helps defray their expenses. Through the Charity Miles program, Mileage Plus® members can donate miles to any of these groups involved in the relief effort, or others listed on united.com/charitymiles.

11. Walgreens: \$250,000 and supplies

Walgreen Co. announced it has made an initial donation of \$250,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. In addition, the company will match employee donations dollar for dollar up to \$500,000, with the match going to Red Cross Disaster Relief. Employees may donate to the relief charity of their choice.

The company is also in the process of donating truckloads of supplies and emergency medicines to relief efforts in all affected areas. This merchandise will total in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Walgreens is offering its customers a contribution opportunity at stores chain-wide. Starting September 1, Walgreens stores will collect donations for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund from customers in increments of \$1, \$5 or \$10.

12. HSBC North America: \$250,000

HSBC North America announced extensive disaster-relief efforts for the company's customers in regions of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. The company will enable customers who live in FEMA-designated Individual Assistance disaster areas resulting from Hurricane Katrina to delay their payments for 30 days. HSBC North America also will waive late and over-limit fees or other penalties that might normally be assessed. This payment delay will not be reported to credit bureaus as a delinquency. HSBC North America customers are those served by HFC, Beneficial, HSBC Mortgage Services, HSBC Auto Finance, HSBC Bank USA and HSBC Mortgage Corp., and individuals who hold

HSBC-issued retail cards and the HSBC Bank, Household Bank and Orchard Bank credit cards.

In addition, these customers with HSBC-issued credit cards will receive waivers of cash-advance fees and may be eligible for emergency credit line increases. Customers of HFC and Beneficial may also be eligible for emergency lines of credit.

In addition, HSBC North America will continue to pay employees who work at the company's nine Louisiana and two Alabama HFC and Beneficial lending offices that were closed. The company also is providing hotel accommodations in Houston for employees and their families who have been impacted. HSBC employs nearly 1,000 people in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida panhandle.

HSBC also announced an immediate, initial \$250,000 contribution to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to support ongoing rescue and cleanup efforts, and is matching dollar for dollar the individual contributions of the company's employees. Meanwhile, nearly 900 employees in seven HSBC call center facilities across the country volunteered their time to accept contributions on behalf of the American Red Cross during the American Red Cross "A Concert for Hurricane Relief" Sept. 2 event. The company donated call-center resources in New Castle, Del.; Chesapeake, Va.; Elmhurst, Ill.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Tigard, Ore.; Las Vegas and San Diego, collecting thousands of contributions on behalf of the nonprofit organization.

Additionally, employees of HSBC Bank USA in Buffalo volunteered to accept telephone donations at the studios of Buffalo's NBC affiliate WGRZ-TV.

Meanwhile, HSBC employees who work at HFC and Beneficial branch offices in Texas are collecting clothing and supplies to aid individuals and families at the Houston Astrodome, and employees in Jacksonville, Charlotte and other areas of the country have launched fundraising events as well.

13. ITW: \$250,000, matching employee contributions

ITW is contribution \$250,000 to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund and is matching all of our

employees contributions to all relief agencies 3-for-1. We also are asking all of our business units to contact their local United Ways to see how they can help.

14. Hewitt Associates: \$100,000 and massive volunteer effort

Hewitt made an initial lump sum grant of \$100,000. Further monetary donations will follow. Associates in Chicago are volunteering at the Red Cross call center downtown. Employees in Houston worked to prepare the Astro Dome for refugees who were held up in the New Orleans Super Dome during the hurricane. Hewitt is currently organizing a telethon through the Illinois Broadcasting Association to raise money for the relief effort.

15. Chicago Bulls: \$50,000 as well as clothes and supplies

16. Astella: \$50,000 and supplies

Astellas (formerly Fujisawa pharmaceuticals) is donating immunosuppressant drugs for transplant recipients and anti-infective medications.

17. International Truck and Engine Corporation: Transporting supplies

International Truck and Engine Corporation offered use of a 7,750-square-foot facility in Shreveport, La., to serve as a logistics center or staging area to help distribute emergency relief supplies to victims of the devastating hurricane that hit the Gulf Coast Monday.

The company offered 10 dump trucks for immediate deployment to deliver supplies or to begin removing debris as the region digs itself out and assesses damages from Hurricane Katrina. In collaboration with the United States Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), International Truck and Engine also made available five water tankers to carry up to 5,500 gallons of drinkable water to victims in various locations, with the potential for significantly increasing the number of tankers available.

18. American Hotel Register: Supplies

American Hotel Register sent a truckload to Nacatosis, LA where the Red Cross set up shelters with over 1,000 survivors. American Hotel collected items to donate including: towels, linens, blankets, paper goods, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, matchbooks, pens & pillows.

19. SBC: Supplies and services

SBC Communications Inc. is deploying an extensive network of communications services at the Houston Astrodome to provide vital communications resources to victims of Hurricane Katrina as they are relocated from the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

The company will make available to hurricane victims up to 1,000 telephones with free local and long distance calling, free wireless service in conjunction with Cingular ® Wireless, and SBC Yahoo! DSL service and computers for high-speed Internet access. Additionally, the company plans to install Wi-Fi hot spots for use by public service personnel and media for wireless Internet access.

SBC companies also maintain a region-wide Emergency Operations Center in Houston to manage communications and work with emergency management officials, as needed. It is expected that most of the communications services deployed at the Astrodome will be in place by the time the New Orleans relocation effort is completed.

20. CDW: Matching employee contributions

CDW is holding a coworker fund drive to encourage contributions to several relief organizations. The company is matching the contributions 4-to-1. The relief organizations are: The American Red Cross, America's Second Harvest, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity International. The match applies to the first \$100,000 of coworker contributions. All proceeds

seek to assist hurricane victims.

21. United Way of Lake County

United Way created the Hurricane Katrina Response Fund to address those needs. Already, United Ways in affected areas are coordinating with a vast network of human service partners and volunteers centers to help people begin rebuilding their lives. Through the Response Fund, donations will be allocated for both front-line disaster relief and long-term recovery needs.

22. Boys and Girls Club of Lake County

Boys and Girls Club of Lake County is collecting paper goods, ready to eat food items, toiletries to be shipped to Gulf States affected by Katrina.

23. Kraft Foods: \$1,000,000

Kraft Foods announced it will provide an initial \$1 million in food and cash grants to assist with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. This includes \$700,000 in food donations; the first shipment - eight truckloads of Fruit20 flavored water, Planters nuts, Capri Sun beverages, snacks and cookies - is already on its way. The balance of \$300,000 will come in the form of grants for food and shelter relief efforts.

In addition to the \$1 million commitment, Kraft is providing several ways to help their employees extend a helping hand including a matching gifts program, food and clothing drives, and other volunteer efforts.

For more information on Kraft Foods, please visit <http://www.kraft.com/>.

24. Zebra Technologies: \$100,000 in cash, \$500,000 in Supplies

Zebra has donated approximately 200 P310i card printers to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) --- valued at more than \$500,000. These printers will be used to create identification cards for disaster relief workers to control access in and around the hurricane ravaged areas. They will also be used to identify hurricane victims, so that they can be rapidly reunited with their families and receive the assistance they deserve in a timely and organized manner.

In addition to this substantial product donation, Zebra has pledged to donate \$100,000, in cash, and match voluntary associate contributions up to an additional \$100,000 in cash. These cash donations will be provided to AmeriCares, a non-profit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization that provides immediate response to emergency medical needs and long-term humanitarian assistance for people impacted by natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina.

Eight High School Fundraising Support for Victims of Hurricane Katrina

1. Andrew Adair

Student Body President

Stevenson High School

„X Stevenson High School is committed to helping out at times of need.

„X Focus on the direct aid (a partnership with a school down there if you guys are still working on that).

„X Stevenson raised over \$1,700 in one day (last Friday).

2. Tom Engstrom

Student Body President

Libertyville High School

(Three additional Student Council members will also be present)

„X Libertyville is collecting water, non-perishable food and toiletries.

„X The Student Council is working to collaborate with neighboring high schools to maximize their effectiveness.

„X This is an ongoing effort that began at the end of last week.

3. Lexi McMahon

Student Body President

Glenbrook South High School

(Three additional Student Council members will also be present)

„X South offering Support (SOS) is a fundraising campaign begun the day after the disaster by Glenbrook South High School to raise funds for the American Red Cross (ARC) Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund.

„X SOS encourages donations from faculty, staff, students, and families to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina and will culminate on September 16, 2005 at the halftime of the varsity football game.

„X A variety of activities will be employed to raise funds including but not limited to: students carrying red cups to collect money, car washes, collections at a variety of sporting events, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, a benefit concert, silent auction, and t-shirt sales.

Schools not present this morning but are organizing fundraisers and collection drives.

4. Glenbrook North High School
Alex Prosperi is leading the effort.

5. Highland Park High School
Faculty coordinating donations.

6. New Trier High School
Student steering committee is meeting today (September 1 to develop a plan).

7. St. Viator High School
Change for Change effort, a weekly collection in homeroom classes, will donate all proceeds to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

8. Vernon Hills High School
Student Council and National Honors Society is collecting monetary contributions next week in classes and during lunch that will be donated to the Red Cross.

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